

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney/agent of record, Mr. Art Brion, Registration No. 51,374, on 02/09/2009, Examiner's amendment:

In The Claims

(a). The following changes to the claims have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

(i) Replace the subject matter of claim 30 as presented in the amendment filed on 01/16/2009 with:

Examiner's amendment: "A computer readable storage medium having stored thereon at least an executable command for when executed on a computer resulting in performance of the steps of :

- a) receiving the multi-dimensional data, the multi-dimensional data comprising a plurality of data vectors indicative of an image of an object;
- b) separating the plurality of data vectors into at least two clusters based on similarity of the data vectors such that similar data vectors are grouped together into at least one of said at least two clusters;
- c) providing each of the at least two clusters to at least a compression engine for processing;
- d) determining a plurality of codevectors through training for approximating each of the data vectors of a cluster of the at least two clusters with a fidelity above a predetermined threshold based on the data vectors contained in the cluster;
- e) encoding each of the data vectors of a cluster using a codevector of the plurality of trained codevectors;
- f) storing the plurality of trained codevectors in a codebook; and,
- g) storing in an index map an index for each of the data vectors of a cluster indicative of a codevector's location within the codebook,

wherein the data vectors are partitioned into the at least two clusters based on the distance of a data vector to the centroid of each of the at least two clusters, and

wherein said data vectors are spectral data vectors having multi-spectral data, and

wherein said separation of said data vectors into clusters reduces artificial visual boundaries in a decompressed version of said image".